

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

HIROFUMI MURATANI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ABRISHAMKAR, K.

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FOR: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS, DECRYPTION APPARATUS, EXPANDED KEY GENERATING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.